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ARRIVALS ARE BUT VERY FEW.

ONE OFF SHORE YESTERDAY AND ONE BOAT AT T WHARF TODAY.

The fresh fish market at T wharf, Boston, this morning, was extremely quiet, only one arrival, sch. Annie and Jennie having arrived since yesterday. Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffrey Thomas arrived yesterday with a fine trip from off shore, hailing for 62,000 pounds, chiefly haddock.

Haddock, cod and pollock sold for \$6 a hundred weight, and hake at \$4. Yesterday the Cynthia got \$4.25 for new and \$3.75 for old haddock.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Cynthia, 58,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2500 haddock, 100 c. d. 1200 hake, 700 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; cod, \$6; pollock, \$6; hake, \$4.

RECORD PRICE FOR HALIBUT.

ONE FISH BID UP TO 50 CENTS PER POUND AT T WHARF.

A record in the way of high prices was established down at T wharf yesterday morning, when a buyer for one of the large wholesale houses bid 50 cents a pound for shoal halibut. There was but one shoal halibut in the market and the commission dealer having this for sale specified that it weighed 25 pounds. When the commission man mounted the selling platform of the exchange he was nearly mobbed by wholesale buyers, each of whom wanted to purchase the halibut for his own concern. Starting at 10 cents a pound, bids leaped to 15, 25 and 30 in quick succession. Half a dozen voices shouted "35" at once. From this point the bidding was somewhat slower, but it went up at the rate of a cent a pound per bid until it was finally knocked down at the record price of 50 cents per pound, or \$12.50 for the 25 pounds of fish.

When the commission man went to deliver the goods, however, he found that the fish which he had supposed weighed 25 pounds, tipped the scales at exactly nine pounds. In cases of this kind it is a rule at T wharf that the fish be put up at auction again. This was done, and this time the halibut was disposed of for 40 cents a pound, which is also a record high price.

IN TUESDAY'S GALE.

Two Small Bay of Fundy Fishing Vessels Were Lost.

A message was received at St. John's yesterday from Dipper Harbor, on the coast of Bay of Fundy, reporting the loss of the fishing schs. Whisper and Paris Tuesday, during a gale which swept the province. The vessels were at anchor when the full force of the gale struck them. No one was on board the fishermen when they went down.

Still Building Bankers.

A handsome new fishing schooner was launched from Smith and Rhuland's yard, Lunenburg, last Thursday afternoon, when the Marion Adams slid gracefully into the water. The Adams is a good specimen of the work of Smith and Rhuland. She will be in charge of Capt. John Knickle, one of the luckiest of the fish-killers, and will be a valuable addition to the fleet of Adams and Knickle.

The Swell Was Badly Iced.

Capt. Herbert Green brought the brand new otter trawler, the Swell, into T Dock yesterday morning, ending her first trip. Besides a fine big load of groundfish, she brought back to port more natural ice than any other steam trawler that ever sailed from T wharf. Her decks, rails, masts and pilot house were encased in a covering of spray-ice so thick that all attempts to chop it with an ax failed.

ONE HALIBUT CATCHER HOME.

HEAVY WEATHER OUTSIDE HOLDS THE SHORE FLEET IN PORT.

The heavy gale kept the market boats and fleet of gill netters in port yesterday, and it was a pretty quiet day along the water front.

This morning, sch. Cavalier from Grand Bank arrived here with 15,000 pounds of halibut, it being the only off-shore arrival since Tuesday.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Grand Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, via Boston.

Sch. Harmony, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Muriel, haddocking.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.

Br. sch. Goldie Bell, in tow of tug Nellie, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large, 31c.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 17 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

Made Fine Stocks.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffrey Thomas, stocked \$2600 as the result of the fresh haddock trip landed at Boston yesterday. The craft was absent 16 days.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, which took out her fresh fare here yesterday stocked \$2200 as the result of her trip.

IN CLEAR OF ANOTHER STORM

TWO HERRINGERS FROM BONNE BAY GOT ALONG THIS MORNING.

It still continues rather quiet along the water front, only two arrivals having been reported since yesterday morning.

They are schs. Fanny A. Smith and Harry A. Nickerson, both with Newfoundland herring cargoes. Both are from Bonne Bay, the former hailing for 900 barrels of salt, 30 barrels of pickled and 900 barrels of frozen herring. Capt. Leander Morash and crew after recovering from their desperate experience as related in yesterday's Times, left Portland yesterday, arriving here this forenoon.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson was badly iced up and likewise encountered some bad weather on the passage home. Outside of the breakwater she signaled for a tug this morning, and the Nellie steamed down and brought her in. She has 200 barrels of salt, 30 barrels of pickled and 1000 barrels of frozen herring.

The fleet of gill netters did poorly yesterday, the big crafts securing only small fares. Most of the fleet went out this morning, while a large number of the market boats got underway for the fishing grounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Weazel, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D. Gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Fanny A. Smith, Bonne Bay, N. F., 960 bbls. salt herring, 30 bbls. pickled herring, 400 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 200 bbls. salt herring, 30 bbls. pickled herring, 1000 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Edith Silveria, returned.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, in tow of Tug Eveleth, Boston.

Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Genesta, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Romance, haddocking.

Sch. Lucania, haddocking.

Sch. Harmony, haddocking.

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Gouart, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Walter P. Gouart, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Galatea, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Actor, haddocking.

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NEW YORK AND THE LOBSTER

New York consumes and distributes more lobsters than any other city at home or abroad. The consumption there is almost 3,000,000 lobsters a year, and of these about one-third are sold alive by the fish dealers, says the Sun.

Nine-tenths of the lobsters come from east of Portland. The best of the large lobsters come from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Labrador. Most of the short lobsters, those from eight to 12 inches long, come from Maine, where almost 2000 lobstermen work mainly for the New York city market.

Live or boiled lobsters are sold to consumers just as cheaply as at Portland, Me., or St. John, N. B. Chicago consumes four times as many lobsters as Boston, and San Francisco consumes more lobsters from the north Atlantic markets than all the cities of Maine and New Brunswick.

New York and New Jersey lobstermen used to supply about one-tenth of the lobsters for the local market. Nowadays they supply few lobsters. Once in a while New York bay and New Jersey lobstermen come to town with curiosities in the shape of lobsters from four to eight times the average size. Some of these big lobsters weigh from 20 to 25 pounds each and are from 30 to 60 years old. The meat is tough and unpalatable.

These big lobsters are sold to be mounted on a backing of fine wood and to be used as a decorative exhibit in retail markets. They are also used in another way for decorative purposes.

They are coated with a thin layer of varnish and over the varnish before it dries plumbago is sifted through a silk stocking. Then the lobster is placed in an electro copper plating tank. When taken from the bath the copper plated lobster is covered with the hues of a lobster just taken from the sea or boiled or broiled. These lobsters find a sale as ornaments for yacht clubs or seaside bungalows. One house in Newport has a dozen of these copper encased lobsters in use as wall brackets with incandescents electric lamps fixed to the claws.

From December to March, New York dealers receive many orders for live lobsters from the Far West. In cool weather no ice is used in the packing.

The barrel is filled with alternate layers of seaweed and lobsters. The specially made barrels are returned to this market. A recent shipment of live lobsters to Bismack, N. D., arrived with every lobster alive. When the package came back the unpacker found one live lobster still in the seaweed. The lobster dealer telegraphed to the club at Bismack:

"In the package returned we found our live lobster. This beats the world's record for traveling by the lobster family."

In a few minutes the club wired back:

"That lobster deserves well of his country. Send him down to Sandy Hook and put him overboard with our blessing and charge the expense on our next bill."

A Sandy Hook pilot executed the commission.

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Gale Still on at Port aux Basques. The temperature at Port aux Basques registered 4 degrees yesterday, cloudy weather and westerly gale, the wind velocity registering 68.28 miles an hour.

Another Good One.

Sch. Diana, Capt. Jethro Nickerson, stocked \$2014 from her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$59.60 each.

On the Railways.

Sch. Annie Perry of Provincetown is on Burnham Brothers' railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Pontiac was at Liverpool, N. S., last Tuesday and cleared.

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FANCY PRICE FOR HALIBUT.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Company yesterday at 19 1-2 cents a pound for white and 13 cents a pound for gray.

This is higher than the best price paid last winter and the highest figure of the present season. Capt. Porter had about 14,000 pounds.

FEAR COLD WEATHER.

It May Prevent Maine Dealers Getting Their Pound Kept Lobsters.

It is pretty certain that when the lobster dealers of the Maine coast and especially those of Portland, begin to take some of their stock from the pounds scattered at different points along shore, they will meet with difficulties.

The cold weather has got in its work and all the pounds are reported to be frozen over. The ice is not very thick as yet, but it is thick enough to cause trouble. However, the dealers are using smack lobster's in their business just at present and do not need those in the pounds, so they have begun to worry. If this bad weather continues, however, it looks as if the lobster fishermen would be unable to haul their traps and then the lobsters in the pounds would have to be used.

CRAFT TOTAL LOSS.

Capt. Publicover and Crew of Tern Sch. Virginia Escaped.

The tern sch. Virginia is a total loss at Rose Head, a rocky promontory between Lunenburg, N. S., and the mouth of the LaHave river. Battered by a terrific gale which swept along the coasts, she went ashore at an early hour Tuesday morning. Capt. Leander Publicover and his crew of six men escaped. The Virginia was in ballast from Halifax to Liverpool to load lumber for Barbados. Her managing owner is A. C. Barnaby of Bridge-water. The vessel was built at Lunenburg seven years ago and was insured in the LaHave Marine Insurance Company for \$3,000.

BAD WEATHER REPORTED.

It Has Interfered With Herring Operations on Treaty Coast.

Advices from the Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay, Newfoundland, states that some bad weather and gales have been experienced there lately, although no disasters have been reported.

Herring are reported in good quantities at both Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands, although the weather has handicapped fishing operations.

Portland Fish Notes.

It has been several days since any respectable amount of fish has been received at Portland and the market is on the rise. Tuesday there were several fares taken out at Commercial wharf, but the vessels all arrived in port during the preceding night. The trips reported were: Fannie Hayden, 3000; Vinal Tibbetts, 1000; Minerva, 1000; Crusader, 1000.

Will Go Salt Banking.

The new fishing sch. Glen Langdon, recently purchased by Adams and Knickle, arrived at Lunenburg, N. S. last Friday from Shelburne, where she was launched. The Langdon will be commanded by Capt. James Duggan, and will be employed in fishing on the Grand Banks next season.

Georges Handliners Getting Ready.

Four of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company fleet are getting underway for Georges handline trips. They are schs. Jubilee, Capt. Owen Whitten; Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Benjamin Johnson; Patriot, Capt. Nels Larson and Marsala, Capt. Martin Christensen.

Just Look at This Share.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, Capt. Frank Watts, is among the high liners for banner stocks in the winter haddock fishery, having stocked \$2700 from the trip taken out in Boston. The crew received \$86.45 clear to a man as their share of the trip.

Fitting Out Again.

Sch. Annie Perry of Provincetown, which has been hauled up here the past two months is fitting for the winter haddock fishery.

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SUCCESS OF JAPS.

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHERIES
DUE TO USE OF PURSE
SEINES.

That the success of the Japanese in securing control of the British Columbia herring fisheries has been due not to the introduction of modern methods, but to the employment of the seines where white men used gill nets, is the opinion of the Victoria, B. C., Times, which says, in discussing the matter:

"As far as is known the old country fishermen who come out to introduce new methods from Yarmouth and elsewhere, found that with gill nets they had no chance against the Japanese using seine nets, and practically went out of business in consequence. The industry is now in the hands of the Japanese almost exclusively, although the white men have a good business at Nanoose bay. Whereas in the season of 1909-10 there were 22 licenses, and last season about double that number, yet the extra number of fishermen had only a somewhat larger catch than the men engaged in the same industry had the previous season with half the number of licenses. Instead of the industry being a success, as it is stated to be, as a matter of fact the Nipponese engaged in the herring fishery are finding it difficult to meet their financial obligations to the storekeepers.

"There can be no doubt that they have overfished the herring grounds through using seine nets, and taking everything out of the water they can get. Another explanation is found in the gradual diminution of whales in Vancouver Island waters, which have enabled the herring to go further out to sea, instead of seeking the protection of the land, and consequently made it more difficult for them to be caught in close to shore.

"Herring are essential as bait for the halibut fisheries, and the boats in that trade have been crippled considerably in consequence this season, but it is largely due to the fact that the Japs have been sending the fish direct to the Orient for consumption, preserving them by just throwing them into tanks, salting them, and shipping them off in boxes to the Far East, that this shortage has been created, so far as the local situation is concerned."

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TWO TRIPS IN AT T WHARF

SCHS. STILETTO AND EVELYN M.
THOMPSON GET GOOD
PRICES.

This morning was another quiet one at T wharf, Boston, on account of the light fresh fish receipts, only two arrivals being there with less than 90,000 pounds between them.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson hails for 45,000 pounds and sch. Stiletto, 42,000 pounds. The crafts brought in about 250 pounds of halibut, which sold for 36 cents a pound.

Old haddock brought \$3.50 and new fish \$4.25 a hundred weight, while large cod sold for \$6.50 right through and markets, \$4.50. Hake and pollock sold for \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Stiletto, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 100 halibut.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1500 cusk, 150 halibut.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.50; market cod, \$4.50 hake, \$4; pollock, \$4; halibut, 36 cents per lb.

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Port aux Basques Weather.

The temperature at Port aux Basques Wednesday registered 16 degrees, with snow, and with a southeast gale, blowing at 72 miles an hour.

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MEN FROM THE BIG FISHING PORTS

Participated in the Anti-Beam Trawling Meeting Here Yesterday.

Interest Awakened all Along the Coast Committees Hard at Work

The fight which is to be put up against beam and otter trawling on the fishing banks and the marketing of catches at United States ports has started in earnest, and yesterday afternoon a very enthusiastic meeting was held at the quarters of the Master Mariners' Association in this city which was attended by representative fishing vessel owners and captains from this port, Boston, Portland and Provincetown.

The interest that has been awakened along the coast in the matter is most encouraging and the various committees appointed at the different ports will be up and doing from now on. Among those present were Benjamin A. Smith, Fred L. Davis, Capt. Carl C. Young, Capt. John Chisholm, Capt. Jerome McDonald, Capt. Henry M. Atwood, Capt. William McDonald, Capt. Charles H. Harty, Capt. Alfred Johnson, Capt. John R. Atwood, Capt. Reuben Cameron, Orlando Merchant, J. Manuel Marshall, Frank C. Pearce, E. Archer Bradley, Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney and Capt. John A. McKinnon of this port, Mr. Trefferthen of Portland, Capt. Joseph P. Manter, Jr., Capt. John Mattheson, Capt. Joseph Crowell, Capt. Joseph Cabral of Provincetown, Capt. H. Dexter Malone, Capt. George Nelson, F. G. Robinson, J. M. Watson, Jr., and John W. Atwood of Boston.

A plan of campaign, ways and means and other matters incidental to the movement were discussed. Various opinions were expressed, and it was decided that each committee should work by itself for the present.

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Was Badly Iced Up.

With ice on her bows, rigging and every part of her, the fishing schooner Hockmuck arrived at Portland early Thursday afternoon after a week's fishing trip. She had been to Swan's island and Capt. Edward Smith declared that the very worst of weather had been encountered during the trip. She was three days in running to Portland and made stops at Tenant's Harbor, Port Clyde and Boothbay on the way. Her fare was made up of 1,000 pounds of mixed fish. No damage was sustained on the run.

Had Good Fishin.

The past week was the most remunerative at Petit de Grat, N. S., since fall fishing began, upwards of 150,000 pounds of fish being landed in four days fishing. Some of the larger boats took from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds each. E. Comeau, representing the Halifax Cold Storage Company, bought for that concern 30,000 pounds in one day. The shore fishermen had also a good week.

Big Cod Fare Coming.

Loaded to the hatches with a cargo of fish, sch. Mary A., Capt. Hubert Theriault, arrived at North Sydney, last Sunday. The vessel is from Ingonish, where she took on board the fish which is owned by Joseph O'Brien, and will be shipped by rail for the Gloucester market.

Will Bring Fish Here.

The French steam trawler Baeline, now owned by St. John's, N. F., people has been chartered by C. & W. Hackett of North Sydney to carry one or more cargoes of fish from Ingonish to Boston and Gloucester, and was due to arrive at North Sydney this week.

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Steam Trawler Surf Fitting.

The steam trawler Surf, sixth of the fleet, is at T wharf, Boston, taking aboard ice for her maiden trip. She is in charge of Capt. Michael Green, who has commanded all the Boston steamers engaged in the fishing industry.

Storms Wrecked Traps.

The strong westerly gale of Tuesday caused lots of trouble to the trap fishermen along the coast. At Provincetown every trap was wrecked except one.

Here to Fix Up.

Sch. Morning Star which arrived at Boston several days ago, with her deck swept and considerably damaged during a gale on her recent trip, is here making repairs.

Will Stay Ashore a Trip.

Capt. George E. Heckman of sch. Slade Gorton is remaining ashore a trip and the craft will be in command of Capt. Burns Firth during Capt. Heckman's absence.

Sch. Winnifred Reported Sold.

The Boston fishing sch. Winnifred is reported to have been sold to Belleoram, N. F., parties, who have been here a week or more looking to purchase a craft.

Towed to Boston.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson towed to Boston this morning by Tug Nellie where the craft will take out her Newfoundland frozen herring fare.